

president of the Coe Brass-Manufacturing company, a member of the Barb Copper Wire association, appeared before Judge Hough in the United States circuit court and entered an appeal of nolle contendere to three indictments against him in the steel wire pool cases. He was fined \$1,000 on the first indictment and \$100 on the other two. Edward S. Perot, president of the National Conduit and Cable company and George J. Jackson, secretary of the same company, withdrew their pleas of not guilty and entered pleas of nolle contendere. They were not fined.

The Chinese Express company, with only Chinese on its board of directors, has filed articles with the secretary of state of California.

President Charles Barrett, of the national farmers' union, declared at the union cotton growers' convention that a French-German syndicate has guaranteed any amount of money up to \$75,000,000 toward financing the south's cotton crop.

Kentucky democrats opened their campaign at Carlisle. Governor Marshall of Indiana was the chief speaker.

The Russian premier, P. A. Stolypin, was attacked while attending the theatre at Calve, Russia. He was shot by a lawyer named Bogrof. Two bullets struck the premier. The emperor was in the theatre at the time. A few days later Premier Stolypin died.

The national convention of postmasters in session at Omaha, selected Atlantic City, N. J., as the place for holding the next convention. Officers were elected as follows: President, E. R. Sizer, Lincoln; first vice president, Isidore Sobel, Erie Pa.; second vice president, H. R. Woods, Louisville; third vice president, George W. Bean, Tampa, Fla.; fourth vice president, E. C. Mansfield, Boston; fifth vice president, D. C. Owen, Milwaukee. The secretary is a member defunct and is appointed by the president.

A Kissamee dispatch, forwarded to the New York World, says: Sister Sadie L. Marchant, a Shaker, a member of that altruistic sect's colony in this country, died—"passed out of the body"—on Aug. 22 last, just as the day was losing itself in dusk.

Sister Elizabeth Sears and Brother Egbert B. Gillette, Shakers too, characterized like all their fellows by the attempt of perfect purity in thought, word and act, by gentleness, honesty and obedience to law, are accused of Sister Sadie's murder.

For, seeing her death was inevitable from consumption, pitying her frightful sufferings, Sister Elizabeth and Brother Gillette administered chloroform to Sister Sadie; made her physical tortures to end in euthanasia, in a peaceful, painless death. And it was at Sister Sadie's prayer that her loving, sympathetic friends administered the anaesthetic under which she passed from unconsciousness into the hereafter.

"Before God I think I did right," calmly said Brother Gillette to the World correspondent. "My conscience is perfectly at ease. If the act was unwise, only my great feeling for her prompted me to commit it. Oh! how she suffered!"

After a formal hearing Sister Elizabeth and Brother Gillette were held on the charge of murder. Yet Judge G. F. Parker took an unprecedented step and admitted them to bail; Sister Elizabeth in \$2,000, Brother Gillette in \$5,000. Other members of the colony, which is near Ashton, about nine miles east of this city, furnished the bail. Never before were Shakers in a court in this

county; the whole community regards them as personifying righteousness and honesty. That the magistrate admitted them to bail when accused of a capital crime makes it plain that in his opinion they were far from being actuated by any criminal purpose or intent. Indeed, public sentiment already favors their dismissal by the grand jury; and even if indicted it is more than doubtful if a jury could be found to convict them.

Referring to this case the New York World says: Many now believe that there are circumstances which justify and call for euthanasia, or the kindly putting to death of those who are doomed to torture from which dying is a happy release. Time and again brave men have killed those they loved best in the world to save them from falling into the hands of enemies of a savage race. Wounded soldiers falling in a retreat before Indians in the old days regularly implored their comrades to end their lives that they might not meet the fate the Indians were certain to mete out to them.

Among those who believe that mercy demands the kindly death stroke sometimes are many doctors and lawyers, but most of them hesitate to express an opinion which can so easily be misunderstood.

Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan said to a reporter for the Word that he distinguished between the legal and the moral aspect of the question. Killing in any sense or circumstances was wrong legally, but what might be legally wrong could be morally right. But euthanasia was so big and difficult a subject that it might be impossible to hedge it around with such safeguards that the morally right could be made legally right.

District Attorney Charles S. Whitman, on the other hand, was bitterly opposed from both the legal and moral standpoint. He said:

"As a matter of public policy I should strongly oppose the idea that it should be legal to end the sufferings of those doomed to death. As a matter of fact nobody knows or can know with certainty when all hope is gone. So long as there is life there is always a chance.

"Morally I feel that since no one can give life nobody should have the right to take it. Philosophically I can appreciate the desire to end the appalling torture that sometimes befalls those we love."

The bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., was robbed of \$350,000.

Edward Butler, famous as a democratic boss, died at his home in St. Louis.

A democratic convention to choose a democratic candidate for congress to succeed the late James P. Latta will be held at Norfolk, Neb., Tuesday, September 26. Delegates will be selected by mass conventions in the various counties of the district.

A New York dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Five governors of western states that have conferred the electoral franchise upon women—Hawley of Idaho, Spry of Utah, Carey of Wyoming, Hay of Washington and Shafroth of Colorado—were participants in a largely attended meeting in the interests of woman suffrage recently in Cooper union. Governor Vessey of South Dakota arrived late and unannounced and added to the tributes his colleagues were paying woman's political efficiency. During his absence from the state, he said, it was "being run by a woman," and he had no doubt but that it was being taken care of in an able manner.

Governor Carey said the national

features of his state had not been altered under woman suffrage.

"Mountains have not been moved nor rivers changed," he smilingly declared. "I have lived there forty years and I never know of any man that attempted to influence his wife's vote and of but one woman who told her husband how to vote."

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch, carried by the Associated Press says: Former Governor Bardey of Idaho, Secretary Atkinson, secretary of the Boise commercial club, and L. W. Hill announce that plans have been perfected for running a "governors' special" to eastern cities and land shows this fall.

The train will consist of four exhibition cars, observation car, diner, two sleepers and a baggage car.

They start from St. Paul November 10 on a 5,000 mile tour through Chicago, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, New York, Cincinnati, Washington and twenty or more other cities and the intention is to extend an invitation to the people of the east to visit the west and get acquainted.

The governors in the party are to be Johnson, of California; Hawley, Idaho; West, Oregon; Norris, Montana; Hay, Washington; Eberhart, Minnesota; Burke, North Dakota; Shafroth, Colorado; Spry, Utah; Carey, Wyoming; Oddie, Nevada and Vessey, South Dakota.

The following is an Associated Press dispatch from New York city: Former President Theodore Roosevelt sat for a time beside Judge Hoyt on the bench at the children's court in Manhattan, questioning many of the youthful delinquents. When he left he declared he had "had a delightful time; bully time."

William Flohe, a fifteen-year-old boy, was brought before the judge, accused of spitting from the platform of an elevated train on people on the street below.

"I never heard of such a beastly thing for any boy to do," said Mr. Roosevelt, looking at the youth severely. "You don't loo as if you'd do that. You have a good face, your clothes are neat, you've a good home.

"What you need is a good spanking and I'd like to give it to you. I'd like to be your father for a few minutes."

Andrew Haffaro of Mahanoy City, Pa., ran away, saying his father threatened dire things if he did not pick \$1.50 worth of berries every day. Justice Hoyt looked at some papers referring to the lad and then said: "I understand from reports that you stand very well in school. You seem modest about telling that."

The colonel clapped his hands and his face lit up.

"I'll bet he's a good scholar. He looks like a boy who could do things," he said.

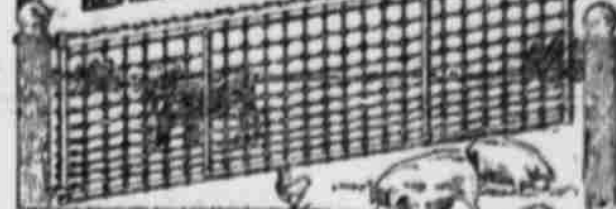
There was hardly a case in which Mr. Roosevelt did not show interest.

When he took leave of Justice Hoyt he had nothing to say except that he was going to do some writing about the administration of children's courts.

NEW PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE

A new progressive magazine has made its appearance. It is called "Progression," is published at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and is owned and edited by George A. Ferris. The new publication features the slogan, "A magazine of reformation, renovation, innovation and information," and under department headings deals with politics, religion, business, health, the home, personal habits, fun, and other matters. It is vigorous and spicy, published once a month, sells for 50 cents a year and can be secured in connection with The Commoner for \$1 a year, the two for the price of the latter alone.

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